

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT - 1168

D. Parran Barn 'B' is located on a farm on a terrace adjacent to the Patuxent River and Hellen Creek. The 20 x 42 foot barn is oriented on a east-west axis. A 14 x 42 foot south shed appears to be original. The barn is of modern construction, employing circular sawn timbers, wire nails, an original metal roof, and poured concrete supports. The barn's siding is somewhat unusual as it consists of a combination of corrugated metal sheathing and double-plank, side-hinged, ventilation doors.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Parran Barn 'B'

2. Location

off

street & number Preston Point, Mill Bridge Road, and off Turner Road, on Blunts Cove Drive ___ not for publication

city, town Lusby ___ vicinity of ___ congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>X</u> agriculture	___ museum
___ building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
<u>X</u> structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Douglas and Mary Farran

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code 20657

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio

city, town Prince Frederick state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CT-1168

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Parran Barn 'B' is located on a farm at the end of Mill Bridge Road which includes shoreline along Hellen Creek and the Patuxent River. The barn is associated with a number of other structures including a farmhouse, and outbuildings, two other tobacco barns (CT's 1167, 1169), a hay barn and a silo.

This structure was apparently erected as a 20 x 42 foot (ten room) barn with a 14 x 42 foot shed on the south side. The structure is oriented east-west on the west side of a north-south farm road. The barn is of modern construction, employing circular sawn timbers, a poured concrete support system, wire nails, and an original metal roof. As in many modern barns, the top plate is made up of two lightweight timbers joined to form an 'L'.

It is difficult to ascertain the chronology of the barn and shed, but there are no pintel holes extant at the doorway, and there are very few nail holes in the nailers. The shed is tied in at the top plate-rafter junction, and is sided with a combination of corrugated metal sheathing and double pland, side-hinged vent doors. There is no clear evidence for any auxiliary use of the barn or shed.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Parran Barn 'B' is of modern construction, post-dating 1880, and probably 1900. This barn draws its significance from its association with the production of southern Maryland's most important agricultural product in the years following 1880. The slightly different techniques observed in this barn may be associated with a local variation or with the owner/builder. Additional research may help to explain these variations.

Historic Period Theme(s): agriculture, tobacco

Geographic Organization: Western Shore, Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County

Chronological/Developmental Period: 1900-present

Resource Type(s): tobacco barn

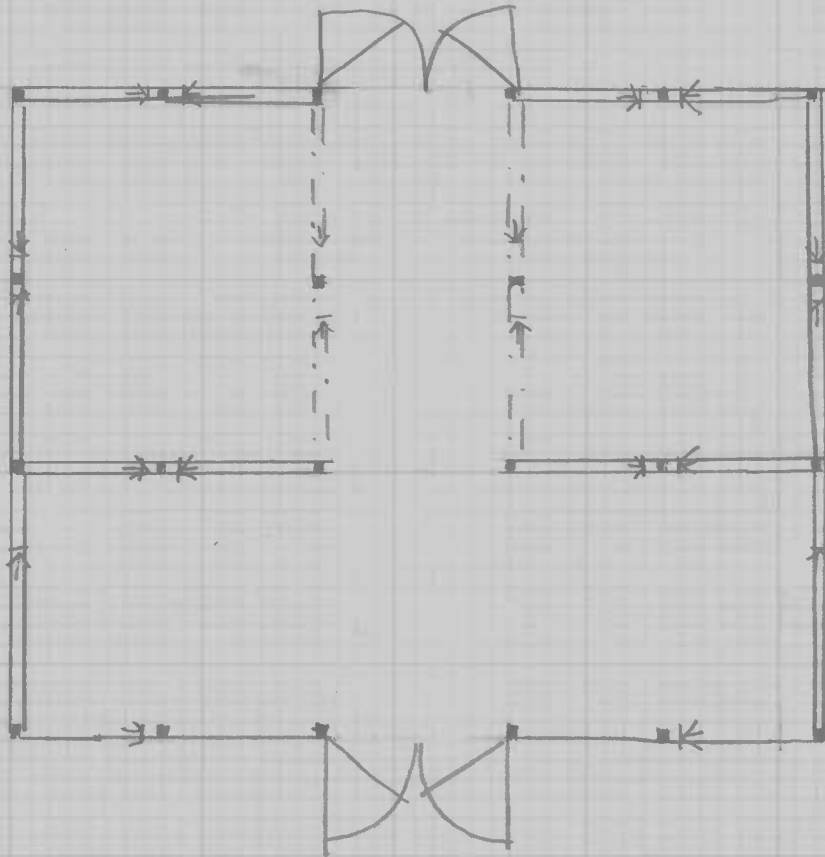
The barn was erected along a farm road adjacent to a house complex. The 'B' barn was probably constructed to house an ever-increasing crop of tobacco in the early 20th century, as new techniques, information and products increased crop productivity. The barn was constructed with a shed and apparently was used only for curing tobacco.

O. PARRAN BARN B

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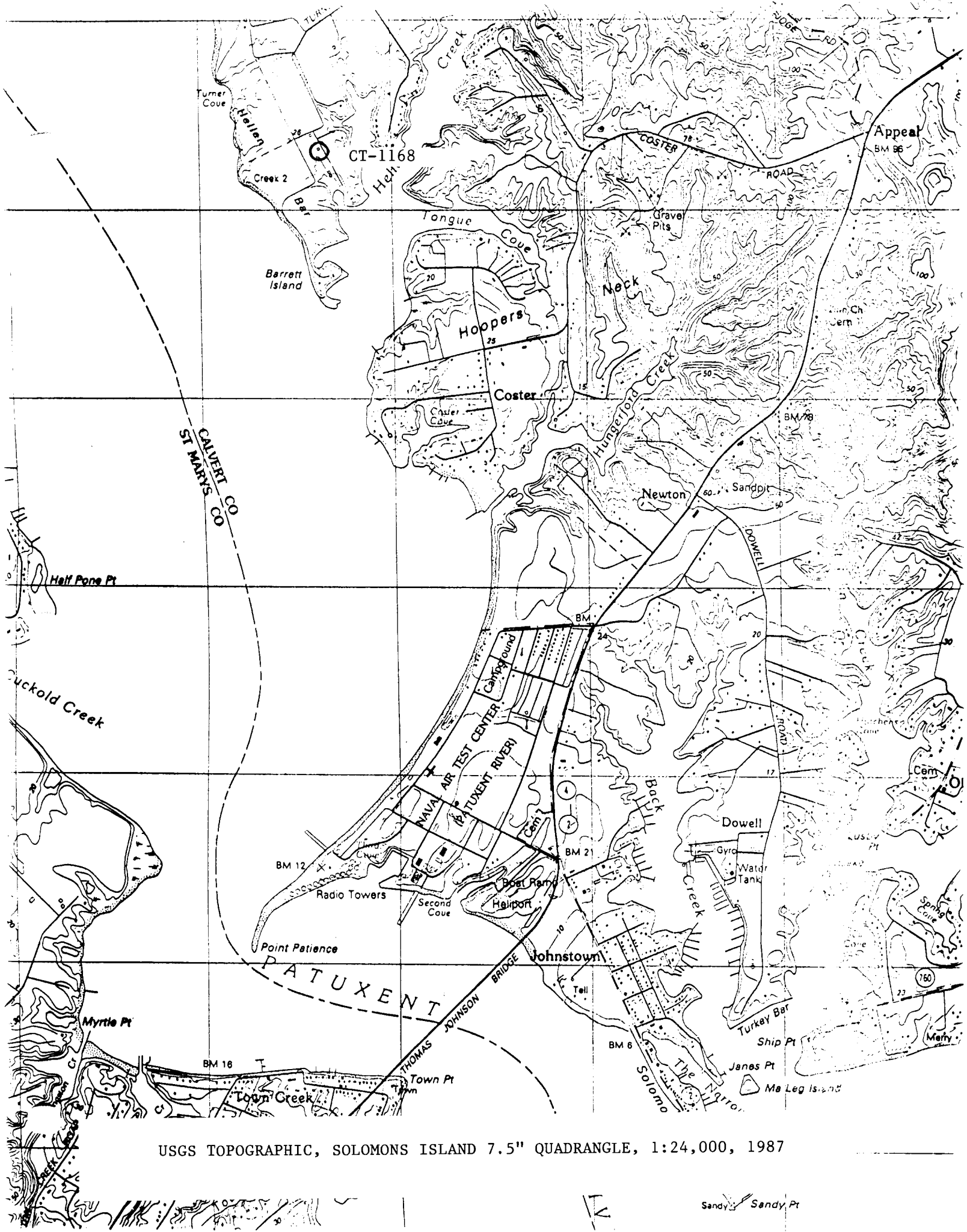
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Preston Point

Tara L. Williamson

South/Southeast

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